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The attached Form PTO/SB/08 additionally identifies German references DE 10145 271 A1 and DE 199 60 079, which were cited in an Office Action, copy enclosed, issued April 13, 2004 in connection with the counterpart German application. No translations of the German Office Action or of these two German references are presently readable available. Note, however, that cited German reference DE 199 60 079 A1 has as its U.S. counterpart U.S. Patent 6,718,214, which is also cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08. A copy of each of these German references with an English-language Abstract is enclosed. It is noted that reference DE 199 60 079 A1 is also cited and discussed in the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14 of the present application.

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